

The Greater Light

The End Time Messenger

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Happy Easter!

"Let mankind respect the Lord Christ, and honor Him; His Sacrifice on the Cross and Resurrection bearing the sins of all that will come unto Him and receive deliverance and salvation."

Message 108:8

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The Articles of Faith and Practice

1. We believe in God the Eternal Father, who only is Supreme; Creator of the universe; Ruler and Judge of all; unchangeable and without respect of persons.

2. We believe in Jesus Christ the manifestation of God in flesh, who lived, suffered, and died for all mankind; whom we own as our only Leader, Witness, and Commander.

3. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth, the Comforter, which searcheth the deep things of God, brings to our minds things which are past, reveals this to come, and is the medium by which we receive the revelation of Jesus Christ.

4. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins and not for Adam's transgression and that as a consequence of the atonement of Christ "all little children are alive in Christ, and also all they that are without the Law. For the power of redemption cometh on all they that have no law; wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, cannot repent, and unto such, baptism availeth nothing." (Moroni 8:22)

5. We believe that through the atonement of Christ all men may be saved by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel; viz.: Faith in God and in the Lord Jesus Christ; Repentance and Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; Laying on of Hands for: (a) Ordination; (b) Blessing of Children: (c) Confirmation and the gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 8:17); (d) Healing of the sick.

6. We believe in the literal second coming and millennial reign of Jesus Christ; in the resurrection of the Dead, and in Eternal Judgment; that men will be rewarded or punished according to the good or evil they may have done.

7. We believe in the powers and gifts of the everlasting Gospel; viz.: The word of wisdom; the word of knowledge; the gift of faith; the gift of healing; working of miracles; prophecy; discerning of spirits; divers kinds of tongues; interpretation of tongues.

8. We believe the fruits of the Spirit to be love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance.

9. We believe that in the Bible is contained the Word of God; that The Record of the Nephites is the added witness for Christ; and these contain the "fullness of the gospel."

10. We believe in the principle of continuous revelation; that the canon of scripture is not full, that God inspires men in every age and among all people, and that He speaks when, where, and through whom He may choose.

11. We believe that where there are six or more regularly baptized members, one of whom is an elder, there the Church exists with full power of Church extension when acting in harmony with the Law of God.

12. We believe that man must be called of God by revelation and ordained by those having authority, to enable him to preach the Gospel and administer the Ordinances thereof.

13. We believe in the same Church organization as existed in the time of Christ and His apostles. The highest office in the Church is that of an apostle, of whom there are twelve, who constitute special witnesses for Jesus Christ. They have the Missionary Supervision and the General Watchcare of all the Churches.

14. The primary function of the General Church, of which Each Local Church is a component part, is missionary and the building up and extension of the Kingdom of God in all the world.

15. We believe that Local Churches should govern their own affairs and that General Church officials should not dominate or interfere therewith. On invitation such general officers may, with propriety, give counsel and assistance. Local congregations are subject to the Articles of Faith and Practice and must be governed thereby.

16. We believe The Church of Christ comprehends the true brotherhood of man where each esteems his brother as himself and wherein the Divine command to "love your neighbor as yourself" is demonstrated by the prevalence of social equality.

17. We believe that all men are stewards under God and answerable to Him not only for the distribution of accumulated wealth, but for the manner in which such wealth is secured. The primary purpose of stewardship is not the increase of church revenue or the mere contribution of money by those who have to those who have not, but to bring men to a realization of the common fatherhood and the universal brotherhood of man in all the affairs and expressions of life, and to maintain such social adjustments that each may enjoy the bounty and gifts of God, and be free to exercise his talents and ability to enrich the life of all.

18. We believe that men should labor for their own support and that of their dependents. Ministers of the Gospel are not absolved from this responsibility, but when chosen or appointed by the Church to devote their entire time to missionary work, their families are to be provided for out of the General Church fund. The admonition of Christ that ministry should not provide purse or scrip for their journey, but go trusting in God and the people, is applicable.

19. We believe that the temporal affairs of the General Church are to be administered by the general bishopric under the supervision and direction of general conferences of the Church. The temporal affairs of the Local Churches shall be administered by local bishops under the supervision and direction of the local congregations.

20. We believe that marriage is ordained of God, and that the Law of God provides for but one companion in wedlock for either man or woman. In case of a breach of this covenant the innocent one may remarry.

21. We believe oppose to war. Men are not justified in taking up of arms against their fellows except as a last resort in defense of their lives and to preserve their liberty.

22. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel, and in the restoration of the ten lost tribes.

23. We believe a Temple will be built in this generation, in Independence, Missouri, wherein Christ will reveal Himself and endow His servants whom He chooses with power to preach the Gospel in all the world to every kindred, tongue, and people, that the promise of God to Israel may be fulfilled.

24. We believe that New Jerusalem shall be built upon this land "unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph, (Ether 13:4-8; III Nephi 10:17), which city shall be built, beginning at the Temple Lot."

25. We believe that ministry and membership should abstain from the use of tobacco, intoxicating liquors and narcotics, and should not affiliate with any society which administer oaths or covenants in conflict with the Law of God, or which interfere with their duties as freemen and citizens.

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Message 53.3, "Give ear, Oh ye people of the earth. Hear The Warning today. I speak The Words and Will of The Lord. Let all have Faith. Turn to The Lord and obey His Commands. Heed repentance and baptism that The Way of The Lord shall be among men. His Kingdom shall fill the whole earth. The hands must be laid upon all that THE GREATER LIGHT might come to them."

Message 53.10, "Yea, I have brought a Warning and few prepare for THE GREATER LIGHT, but be thou Faithful even all who hear, for The Lord's Will shall be fulfilled in all things. All have their work to do and the day comes when The Lord shall breathe upon The Chosen and they shall do His Work in Mighty Power for their love toward the brethren. All that offend and that do not keep His Commandments shall not be His in the Last Day. Moreover, it is Christ's Words that shall judge all men."

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FOREWORD

THE GREATER LIGHT, the official publication of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord, Inc.*, comes to YOU as an expression of a united people, whose only aim is to promote *The Cause of Christ* by spreading abroad to every nation, tongue and people, *The True Gospel of Christ* that through Obedience to His Laws we might be found worthy of *Eternal Life*.

In this publication, *The Record of The Nephites* is quoted many times. This Book was Revealed and Translated by *The Gift and Power of God*: the year 1829 marked the beginning of *The Restoration of all things*. It is history of the people who once lived in the region around *The Great Lakes*, some of whom are Ancestors of The Native Americans. Though it contains a Record of two other groups of people who once lived here, it is for the most part a Record of The People of Nephi.

The Messages so often mentioned in this publication are Messages from The Lord, brought to earth by His Chosen Servant, John The Baptist, who comes to earth in a Glorified Body to finish The Work given to him of God;

that of Restoring all things (Matthew 17: 11-13). The Angel first came in 1829, and Restored *The Authority of the Son of God*, that *The Church of Christ* might be Established as in The Days of The Apostles.

In 1927, The Angel Messenger again appeared, and on numerous subsequent visits, has brought to us ***The Word of The Lord*** that *The Church of Christ* might be set in Order, that a people might be Prepared to be *The Bride of Christ*. This is *The Elijah Message* so many have looked for, *The Midnight Cry* has been Proclaimed, *A Warning of Destruction*, but to *The People of The Lord*, a Message that Christ's soon Coming is near at hand. Fear God and give *Glory to His Name*, for *The Hour of His Judgement* has come. Awake those that sleepest and Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you *Light*.

We hope that whosoever reads these pages might make it a matter of Prayer and Fasting in Humility before God, that they may know for themselves, that God has again Spoken and Revealed *His Will* from Heaven. To this end, we Dedicate ***The Greater Light***.

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THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TODAY

To All People

TWELTH MESSAGE

The Messenger came to me for the twelfth time Thursday night, July 18, 1929. He came and went three times, remaining each time until I was weak from his presence, then he would leave me for a short time so I could regain some of my strength. The divine is so much stronger than the human that the presence of the Messenger makes a person weak in body. This time I had the first opportunity to ask him a question, which I did. I asked him if our work which we have done has been accepted of the Lord, to which he answered, "Yes."

I hope that whosoever may read these Messages may make it a matter of prayer and fasting in humility before God, that they may know for themselves that God has again spoken and revealed his mind and will from heaven.

-Otto Fetting

1. "I have come to you from time to time, to instruct you as to the work of building the Temple, and the organization of The Church of Christ, and re-establishing it again in its fullness, that the church may again receive the power and Holy Ghost as in the days of old, and that as on the day of Pentecost, the servants of the Lord may be filled with the Spirit of God, that they may take the message of the Gospel of Christ to the nations of the earth, for the Lord has reserved unto Himself this remnant on the Temple Lot, to set the Church in order. I have come to you in your own language that you may understand, and impart it to the children of men, and that the Message might be understood by all people, in its plainness, that they may have no excuse at the judgment day, for verily these things shall come to pass.

2. The Lord has looked upon you and your

brethren, and has seen the humility of your souls, and your desire to carry out the instructions that the Lord has given you from time to time, and thus far your work has been accepted of the Lord. But remember, you must remain very humble before God, and do the things He has, and will command you to do, or the Spirit and light that the Lord has given you will be withheld from you and your minds will become dark, and doubt and fear will enter your souls. Therefore, seek the Lord often in prayer and in the humility of your souls. The work that the Lord has commanded you to do will come before you. Contend with no man, only Contend for the Truth. For the Truth will make you free. Contentions will darken the mind, and the Spirit of God will not dwell in the hearts of men who are contentious.

3. The plans as drawn by your brethren are correct as to the foundation, that is, as to size, but let the pillars be added to the outside, four feet eight inches in length, and two feet eight inches in depth, and let the pillars on each corner be the same size. Dig the trenches, and bring the foundation to the level of the basement floor, and your steel fifteen inches above the grade level. Let your fabricating be done, so that your work may continue from there, for behold, many important things shall come to pass, and many things shall yet be given but I will come from time to time to instruct you, that the work will not be delayed.

4. Behold, the Lord has rejected all creeds and factions of men, who have gone away from the Word of the Lord and have become an abomination in His sight. Therefore, let those that come to The Church of Christ be baptized, that they may rid themselves of the traditions and sins of men; preparing themselves, that they may be fit and worthy for the Spirit and power of the Holy Ghost, and as the greater power shall come, that they may be ready to receive it with joy. For this is the time of the restitution and restoration of all things, and this

must come to all that shall be permitted to dwell in the presence of Christ, for sin cannot receive the glory of God, nor the power of the Holy Spirit.

5. Let not the building of the Temple hinder the preaching of the gospel, but let those that have been appointed and set apart for the Temple work, see that all things be done after the pattern that I shall give. And let those that have been called and set apart to carry the Gospel Message to the nations of the earth do their work, as they have been instructed. Let them preach the things as they are found in the Bible and The Record of the Nephites. Let them take the Message to Jew and Gentile, to all classes, tongues and peoples. Let the men who have been placed in charge and appointed to look after and receive the tithes, offerings and oblations, be mindful of their work, that the moneys so received are spent wisely. Let them give an accounting to the Church, that things may be done in justice to all, always being mindful that they are ambassadors for Christ and the Church, and that they will be without excuse to God, for everyone must be faithful to their trust for this is the Lord's work, and so shall it be required of him in the last day.

6. Remember, the Lord committed to Joseph Smith a great work in his day, and power and authority to re-establish The Church of Christ in his day as in the days of old. He gave him the pattern to establish it as in the days of the apostles, and restored the priesthood and authority of the Son of God to the children of men. Yet, because of pride and the love and praise of men, he sinned before God, and much of his work has been destroyed, but he will be saved as by fire, and will be numbered with the prophets of old. Again, the Lord has called others to prune His vineyard, to bring the Gospel of peace, to establish His Church as in the days of old, that the power of the priesthood may be again enjoyed as in the days of old.

7. Behold, the Lord changes not, again He has sent me to instruct the children of men as to the building of the Temple, the size thereof, the inner court and the outer court, the construction of the building, the time to begin work, the time to complete the building of the Temple, the material it shall be built of, and I will come from time to time to instruct you, for thus was I commanded to instruct Joseph Smith. But because he was not true to the trust, this was withheld from him. Remember, you have been entrusted with this work, therefore be humble that you fail not in your work.

8. And as I laid my hands upon Joseph Smith, so now I lay my hands on you, that greater power and greater light might come to you, and to set you apart to do the work entrusted to your care and in your day. Remember, the priesthood was not and will not be taken from the earth since I conferred it on Joseph Smith; but the greater power of the priesthood has been withheld because of the transgression of those who have been entrusted therewith. Therefore, see that all things are done after the pattern I will give you, that in all things you may please the Lord your God. Be true to the trust that has been placed upon you and your brethren, each one in his place and calling, for the Lord will hold each one responsible in their work that must be done and will require it at their hands in the last day. Some will fail because of the temptations that shall come to them, but they will suffer loss. But, remember, Christ is at the head of the Church, and will direct His work. He is the Great High Priest of His people and He will direct the work as in days of old. I therefore bless you in the name of Christ, and admonish you to seek not the praise of men but be humble before God, and the people of the Lord, and your brethren. The priesthood and authority that was placed upon you by the servant of the Lord will never be taken from you unless you deny the Lord your God, but if you are not true

to the trust imposed upon you, you shall suffer loss and lose your crown. The Lord will reveal to you from time to time the things pertaining to the building of the Temple and the work that must be done by The Church of Christ, that the people of the Lord might be instructed of the things that shall come to pass. Amen.

9. Let C. A. Spilsbury be set apart among men to fill the vacancy in the quorum of twelve, that the work may not suffer, for this is a day of haste as I have told you. Let him take the field with the Gospel Message as he is not burdened with the cares of life as some are. Let the elders who are not burdened with the cares of life go from place to place and prepare to take the Message to other nations, but let those go to the far off fields that are not burdened with the care of children, and let their companions go also. Use wisdom in these matters, be careful in your expenses, while and where you labor, that more may be sent into the harvest field.

10. Let your work on the Temple continue, working as fast as the moneys come in but keep out of debt. Contract no debt with any man, for this work must be done by sacrifice and not by promises. For behold the people of the Lord are glad to help in this work of the Lord, by tithes and by offerings, for thus did the people in the days of old, which was pleasing unto the Lord, for this was the law in Abraham's day who paid tithes and the Lord blessed him, and the Lord will bless in your day all those that shall keep His law. Therefore pay your oblations to the Lord in all things that your work may be accepted of Him, so that when trying times are upon the earth your work might stand the test. Let the gospel be preached; let the poor be provided for; let the Temple be built, that in all things you may be the children of God.

11. Those that will heed the warnings that I have given to them in the past will be blessed; those that will not believe will lose; nevertheless, take the Message to them, and the

honest in heart will accept it.

12. I am John the Baptist that prepared the way before Christ and I will prepare the way before Him again, and a people to receive Christ when He comes. Send this Message to your brethren, the twelve first; then send it to the nations of the earth with all the rest now in print, but the things I have shown to you in vision, keep that only for your brethren, give not that to the enemies that seek to hinder the work of the Lord.

13. I will come from time to time until the work is finished after the pattern. Be humble, and the Lord will bless you by His Spirit, and men will be blessed by the Message in time to come. Amen."

From the Apostles

God's Pattern of Calling the Ministry

Jairus Yates

In this article I want to make the point that God is unchanging in His pattern of how he communicates to mankind and calls men into the ministry. We see this pattern in The Articles Of Faith And Practice, The Word, and in Church history.

Jesus called the first 12 apostles while he was here in the flesh. When he ascended to the father, he promised to give the comforter to lead us into all truth.

John 14:26, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

John 15:26. "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of

me.”

John 16:7 & 13, “Nevertheless, I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for If I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

13. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.”

Articles Of Faith And Practice #3 & 12, “We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth, the Comforter, which searcheth the deep things of God, brings to our minds things which are past, reveals things to come, and is the medium by which we receive the revelation of Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that a man must be called of God by revelation, and ordained by those having authority, to enable him to preach the Gospel and administer the Ordinances thereof.”

2 Peter 1:21, “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”

The years 1829-30 marked the commencement of the woman (The Church of Christ) coming out of the wilderness and given the priesthood authority to bring about the restitution and restoration of all things.

Matthew 17:10-11, “And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?

11. And Jesus answered and said to them, Elias truly shall first come and restore all things.”

John the Baptist, the Elias, a resurrected being, came to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery on May 15, 1829, and gave them the priesthood authority through the laying on of hands.

The Lord established a pattern when he

called men into the ministry and as apostles by the touch of an angel’s hands.

Someone might say, ‘why does the priesthood authority need to be restored? Where did it go?’

The woman that we read about in revelation, chapter 12 is the Church that went into the wilderness, meaning that the priesthood and all the blessings of the New Testament Church was taken from the earth for 1,260 years. The priesthood of the Church was taken into the wilderness in 569-570 because different governments, including Rome, brought in false doctrine and traditions of men such as a pope that led men away from the way of the Lord and the New Testament Church. Please read all of Revelation, chapter 12.

Revelation 12:6, “And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.”

After the priesthood was restored to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery the Lord spoke by revelation.

The Book of Commandments contains a revelation given to Joseph Smith, Oliver Cowdery, and David Whitmer in June, 1829. Chapter 15:10,11 & 42, “And now Oliver, I speak unto you, and also unto David, by way of commandment:

11. For behold I command all men every where to repent and I speak unto you, even as unto Paul mine apostle, for you are called even with that same calling with which he was called.

42. And now behold I give unto you, Oliver, and also unto David, that you shall search out the twelve which shall have the desires of which I have spoken; and by their desires and their works, you shall know them:”

The Lord again established a pattern when he called men into the ministry even as apostles by the power of the Holy Ghost.

By 1829, the priesthood Authority was

given and by 1830, the church was established according to the laws of the land.

Unfortunately, David and Oliver, after they had been given the Authority of an apostle and told to search out the other apostles to fill a quorum of twelve, they did not obey until 1835.

By 1925, and over the years, many false doctrines and traditions of men had entered into the Church. The Church had established the office of President of the Church and many other offices that the Lord did not accept. This president was given supreme directional control over all the church.

The Lord had preserved a remnant on the temple lot who had a desire to follow the will of the Lord, according to his New Testament Church that we find in the Bible. The New Testament Church called for the Church to have apostles as the leadership of the Church not a president, a prophet, or a pope. They wanted to fill the quorum of apostles as the spirit or angel called them.

1 Corinthians 12:28, "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues."

In 1925, it became the desire of every heart that before any other major work in the Church be done, that the quorum of twelve apostles should be filled so that the Church could follow the pattern of the New Testament Church and the direction and pattern of the Lord established in 1829. Much prayer and fasting was done concerning this.

It was understood that the principles found in The Articles Of Faith And Practice #10 would be the rule and guide, "We believe in the principle of continuous revelation; that the canon of scripture is not full, that God inspires men in every age and among all people, and that He speaks when, where, and through whom He may choose."

They also found guidance in Matthew 16:13-18, "When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?"

14. And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

15. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16. And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

18. I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Jesus was not saying that he would build his Church upon Peter, a man, a prophet, a president, or a pope, not on the principle of flesh and blood. Just the opposite. He would build his Church on the principal of the Father revealing His will by the power of the Holy Ghost, including the calling of apostles into the ministry.

In 1925-1926, in keeping with the pattern of the New Testament Church and the pattern of 1829, many had dreams, visions, revelations, tongues, and interpretations of tongues. All given by the power of the Holy Ghost that apostles should be set apart in the Church.

From the Zion's Advocate, May 1927 (church paper), Thursday afternoon, October 8th, 1925 it was resolved: "whereas the conference has by its vote expressed it's determination to further perfect the organization of the Church in harmony with the teachings of the Bible and The Book of Mormon (The Record Of The Nephites) and whereas, the Bible and the Book of Mormon (The Record Of The Nephites) both provide

that apostles shall be in the church: Therefore, be it resolved, that we petition the Lord for direction as to the choosing of apostles, and such other matters as He may see fit to impart unto us”

After fasting and prayer, the word of the Lord came as follows. “Verily thus saith the SPIRIT, in order that the Church Of Christ may be prepared to more effectively occupy, it is my wish that my servants Molar and Whipper shall be a committee, to select a committee of three, who shall serve as apostles before me.”

On Friday morning, April 9, Elder, Thomas Nerren, of Denver, Colorado spoke in an unknown tongue. Beautifully it was delivered caring with it conviction. After a season of prayer elder Otto Fetting of Port Huron, Michigan gave the following portion of the interpretation:

“Thus saith the SPIRIT to my people: Behold I have heard your prayers. I have looked upon you, and I have recognized you as my children. Behold, I have a work that you must do. My spirit has been hovering over you, but because of contentions that has been among you, my spirit has not come and has not given you the light that you stand in need of. But the time has come that my work shall be established. I have chosen those my servants that shall make a selection, but because of the strife that has existed among you, I have withheld the light that should come to them.

Behold, if you will cease to be contentious and try to be humble before me, I will send you light. Behold, I have only chosen 5 that shall occupy at this time in the quorum of twelve. I have others outside of this church who have a work that they shall perform, and in due time, I shall choose them, and they shall occupy to perform my work.

Behold, I have spoken to you in times that are past. I have asked you to be humble and keep my commandments, but you have continued to transgress my law and have not

harkened unto the things I have given you. Inasmuch as you shall be humble, the heavens shall be opened and I will pour out my spirit upon you that shall enlighten your minds, and you shall know the course that you should pursue.”

This report was also adopted by the general conference. Following this, action was taken providing for the ordinations. The entire membership present participated in the voting on this question. The vote was unanimous. The session at which all this important legislation was carried out, opened with a glorious outpouring of the spirit of God. The opening song, “The spirit of God like a fire is burning, The latter day, glory begins to come forth,” was feelingly sung with such zeal, rhythm and resonances, that it betokened a unity of purpose well nigh irresistible. The opening prayer by elder Otto Fetting was accompanied by a veritable downpour of heavenly showers which met with the response of many sobbing souls touched with the refreshing influence from on high.

On Saturday afternoon, April 10th, 1926, The following ordination of apostles took place. Daniel MacGregor ordained by elders, Moler, Sheldon and Wheaton; Hiram E Moler ordained by elders Macgregor, Wheaton and Sheldon; Samuel Wood ordained by elders Moler, Macgregor and Wheaton. Clarence, L Wheaton ordained by elders Wood, Macgregor and Moler.

Sunday morning, April 11, 1926, The following ordinations took place: Frank F. Whipper, ordained by elders Wheaton, Wood, Macgregor and Moler.

At the afternoon session Sunday, April 11, 1926, the members of the twelve reported that they had under advisement the selection of two additional members for the quorum of twelve, and reported the following as their selection; Elders Otto Fetting, and Norris Headding.

Members of the twelve then reported indi-

-vidually, describing how they met to decide upon the selections, and how after repeatedly engaging in fervent prayer for directions, they had received a witness of the Holy Spirit of God to their selections, and how that in both cases, their selections were unanimous. Others solemnly testified of their evidence of divine approval in the selections made.

The selections were then acted upon separately, and ordinations were provided for by the unanimous vote of the conference. Elder Otto Fetting being present, was ordained at once to the office of an apostle by Apostle H. E. Moler, Daniel Macgregor, C. L. Wheaton, and F. F. Wipper the first named being the mouthpiece.

Elder Norris Headding was not present and was ordained at a later time.

The Lord gave His approval of these ordinations and the pattern of how they were called when he sent his Angel messenger, John the Baptist, to Otto Fetting on March 22, 1928.

March 22, 1928, Message 5:1-2, "In 1899 the servant of the Lord laid his hands on you and set you apart from among men to represent Christ, and gave you authority to preach the Gospel and bring others into His Kingdom. That authority has not been taken from you, and never will be taken from you unless you deny the Lord your God.

2. Again in 1926, you with your brethren, were set apart as members of the twelve to represent Christ and His Church, with the same authority as the apostles of old. Many are representing Christ but not Christ and His Church, but you men have been chosen to represent Christ and His Church as He established it when He was here."

Message 1:3, "Three more men will be placed in the twelve this spring, and that they were much needed in the quorum. These men will be chosen at the spring conference."

The spring conference would have been in April of 1927. From February 4, 1927, the date

of first message, until April 1927, there were no men called as an apostle by the Angel messenger. This means they were called by revelation continuing the precedence set in the Church in 1829 and 1926.

On February 18, 2003, the Lord spoke again by the power of the Holy Spirit through his apostle, Mervyn Johnson, and called men as apostles and other responsibilities in the church. This was consistent with the earlier pattern given.

"To the leading governing quorums of the Church of Christ with the Elijah Message. Greetings in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ: I humbly submit to you, the following names given to me through the Holy Spirit concerning and considering for your witness and approval. After returning home from the hospital, Tuesday, February 18, 2003, and reviewing the events of the last several days, the Holy Spirit spoke expressively to me at this time and place, concerning names to be called into service of our Jesus Christ.

Twelve- Donald Thompson, Gary Doudy, and Scott Lyles.

Bishops- Reece Johnson, Matt Thompson, Brad K Evans Kent Johnson, Darrel Bellamy, Jim Naslund and B. J. Ray.

Elder and evangelist- Lawrence Thomas Jones, Gary Rountree, William Holden and Brian Ramey. Elders- Tim Gosier, Kory Johnson, Colton Greenwell, Chris Laws, Jeremy laws and Jacob William Ray.

Praise the Lord in his wonder working power and may the peace of our Lord rest with these men. Amen

Yours in the service of Christ,
Brother Mervyn."

Here are more scriptures that support the doctrine of the church.

3 Nephi 29:6, "Yea, wo unto him that shall deny the revelations of the Lord, and that shall

say the Lord no longer worketh by revelation, or by prophecy, or by gifts, or by tongues, or by healings, or by the power of the Holy Ghost;"

Omni 1:25, "And it came to pass that I began to be old; and, having no seed, and knowing king Benjamin to be a just man before the Lord, wherefore, I shall deliver up these plates unto him, exhorting all men to *come unto God, the Holy One of Israel*, and believe in prophesying, and in revelations, and in the ministering of Angels, and in the gift of speaking with tongues, and in the gift of interpreting languages, and in all things which is good: for there is nothing which is good, save it comes from the Lord; and that which is evil, cometh from the devil."

2 Nephi 32:3, "Angels speak by the power of the Holy Ghost; wherefore, they speak the words of Christ. Wherefore, I said unto you, Feast upon the words of Christ: for behold, the words of Christ will tell you all things what ye should do."

Job 38:1, "Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,"

The Lord spoke through Balaam's donkey in Numbers 22:21-35.

Helaman 4:23, "And because of their iniquity, the church had began to dwindle; and *they began to disbelieve in the Spirit of prophecy, and in the Spirit of revelation*; and the judgements of God did stare them in the face."

1 Thessalonians 5:17-21, "Pray without ceasing.

18. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

19. Quench not the Spirit.

20. Despise not prophesyings.

21. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

Message 12:1, 4, & 6, "I have come to you from time to time, to instruct you as to the work of building the Temple, and the organization of

The Church of Christ, and re-establishing it again in its fullness, that the church may again receive the Power and Holy Ghost as in the days of old, and that as on the day of Pentecost, the servants of the Lord may be filled with the Spirit of God, that they may take the Message of the Gospel of Christ to the nations of the earth, for the Lord has reserved unto Himself this remnant on the Temple Lot, to set the Church in order. I have come to you in your own language that you may understand, and impart it to the children of men, and that the Message might be understood by all people, in its plainness, that they may have no excuse at the judgment day, for verily these things shall come to pass.

4. Behold, the Lord has rejected all creeds and factions of men, who have gone away from the Word of the Lord and have become an abomination in His sight. Therefore, let those that come to The Church of Christ be baptized, that they may rid themselves of the traditions and sins of men; preparing themselves, that they may be fit and worthy for the Spirit and Power of the Holy Ghost, and as the greater power shall come, that they may be ready to receive it with joy. For this is the time of the restitution and restoration of all things, and this must come to all that shall be permitted to dwell in the presence of Christ, for sin cannot receive the Glory of God, nor the Power of the Holy Spirit.

6. Remember, the Lord committed to Joseph Smith a great work in his day, and power and authority to re-establish The Church of Christ in his day as in the days of old. He gave him the pattern to establish it as in the days of the apostles, and restored the Priesthood and Authority of the Son of God to the children of men. Yet, because of pride and the love and praise of men, he sinned before God, and much of his work has been destroyed, but he will be saved as by fire, and will be numbered with the prophets of old. Again, the

Lord has called others to prune His vineyard, to bring the Gospel of Peace, to establish His Church as in the days of old, that the power of the Priesthood may be again enjoyed as in the days of old."

Message 86:54-58, "I laid my hands upon Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and Ordained them to the Holy Priesthood after the order of God, after the order of His Son. This has been preserved and reserved to this day and time.

55 Again I laid my hands upon Otto Fetting and gave him special help to do the Work in his day. That Holy Unction is upon the servants today.

56. Now again, I lay my hands on you to bless you in your work that you are to do- that lies before you. That you may have the Gift enlarged and Power to accomplish the Work and to bless others with this Holy Unction renewed, and help in completing the Great Plan in your day and time. I bless you that you may bless others. Amen.

57. Let those that the Spirit calls be set apart in this Work. Send them forth to do the Lord's Will- withal proclaiming the Message I bring.

58. Hearken! Hasten! Obey! Be about the Father's business."

As we remember, Otto Fetting, and other men and their ordinations as an apostle 100 years ago (April 10th and 11th, 1926-2026) let us remember the pattern, the design, the standard, the plan, the assured way of the Lord in how he calls apostles in His Church.

Let us remember we believe in the principle of continuous revelation; that the canon of Scripture is not full, that God inspires men in every age and among all people, and that He speaks when, where, and through whom He may choose. Let us remember that God can speak by angels, by visions, by dreams, by revelations, by prophesy, by tongues, by a whirlwind, and even by a donkey.

Young Adults

Ruby Draves

The Betrayal & Trial of Jesus

The Betrayal

The immediate events leading up to Jesus's crucifixion is often left out of the Easter Celebration or at the very least, skimmed over as we focus on the wonderful gift that Jesus gave us: His life for ours and the promise that came with His ultimate sacrifice. I don't mean to minimize His sacrifice- remission of our sins and everlasting life with Him is the greatest gift He could have given us. I only mean to point out that the road traveled was just as important at the destination.

As Jesus and the disciples ate dinner, He announced to them that one among them would betray Him tonight. The men were astonished. They had chosen to follow Him, believed in His ministry. They are His closest friends. How could anyone of them dare to do such a thing. As such they all began asking Him which one of them was going to do this awful thing. "Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon... Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly." (John 13:26-27). Judas left and went out into the night.

After singing a hymn, the group decided to walk to the Mount of Olives. On the way, Jesus delivered more bad news to the remaining 11 disciples. He told them that each of them would desert Him tonight. Again, the men could not believe their ears. Peter, perhaps Jesus best friend, denied this, refuting that he could never do such a thing. "And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice,

thou shalt deny me thrice.” (Mark 14:30).

Can you imagine what is going on in Jesus’s mind; how His heart is breaking? Here, before Him, is a group of men who are His closest friends- one of them will set forth the chain of events that will eventually lead to His death, and the rest would deny even knowing Him. Could He have stopped them- absolutely! But He had a plan and He knew the stakes, so He chose to continue.

As they came to the Mount of Olives and entered Gethsemane, Jesus broke away from the group asking only Peter, James and John to continue with Him further into the garden. As they walked, He told them that His “soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death” (Mark 14:34) and asked them to wait as he prayed further on down the path. “And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.” (Mark 14:35-36).

Jesus had a very “human” moment here. He knew what was coming, the pain, and suffering He would endure. He asked for an out, an easier path but He also knew He had to continue. He had to choose the hard road, the right road. In this moment, He set an example for every one of us. He faced a hard decision. He showed us how to go to Him in prayer. And He recognized that His Will (God’s Will) must be done not ours. He demonstrated how to do the right thing even when faced with sacrifice.

When Jesus returned, he found the disciples sleeping saying to them “...Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.” (Mathew 26:45-46). As He spoke, Judas arrived with men sent by the chief priests. Judas approached Jesus, kissing Him on the cheek, signaling to

the men that Jesus was the one they came for. While Jesus was being attested, Peter pulled out a sword, striking one of the men cutting off his ear. “Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father (Himself), and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?” (Matthew 26:52-54). Jesus touched the man’s ear, instantly healing him, as he was escorted to the home of the high priest.

Peter followed the group from a distance. When the guards built a fire at the high priest’s home, Peter sat with them. A servant girl saw him, pointing him out saying that he was with Jesus. Peter denied it saying he did not know Jesus. Another saw him, saying “...Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not. And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him: for he is a Galilaean. And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew.” (Luke 22:54-60). Peter had denied Jesus 3 times, just as Jesus said. Peter left, weeping bitterly, as the guards mocked Jesus.

The Trial

Jesus was brought first to Annas, the father-in-law of Caiaphas- the high priest. Annas used to be the high priest and still had some power in the Temple. However, he sent Jesus on to Caiaphas. The next day, Caiaphas and the scribes came together and questioned Jesus, asking if He was the Christ. Jesus answered “If I tell you, ye will not believe:... Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am. And they said, What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth.” (Luke 22:67, 70-71). Jesus knew then and there

that His course had been set. No matter what He said, they would not be deterred. He was sent to Pilate.

Pilate asked Caiaphas and the men “What accusations bring ye against this man?” (John 18:29). They accused Jesus of perverting the nation, failing to pay tribute to Caesar, the roman king, and claiming the He is Christ, the true king. “Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:” (John 18:31). And here is the clencher... Jewish leadership felt threatened and did not want to give up their power over the people in favor of Jesus. The only way to solidify their place was to rid themselves of Jesus but their law did not permit execution. The Roman law, however, did and the Jews could wash their hands of the dirty task of killing Jesus. Pilate asked Jesus, “...Art thou the King of the Jews? Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world... Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all.” (John 18:33-38).

The men became fiercer saying that Jesus stirred up the people and has done so from here to Galilee. When Pilate heard Jesus was from Galilee and under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent Jesus to Herod, who just happened to be in Jerusalem. Herod wanted to meet Jesus and see the miracles many spoke of. When Herod questioned Jesus, He did not answer him.

Caiaphas and the scribes continued to accuse Him, so Herod sent Him back to Pilate. Pilate brought the chief priest, rulers and people together, again, saying that neither he nor Herod have found fault with Jesus and therefore wanted to release Him. (Luke 23:5-16).

But there was a custom among the Jews that Pilate would release to them one person at Passover. He gave them a choice: Jesus, who had done no wrong, or Barabbas, a robber. “And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas:” (Luke 23:18). And so, Pilate took Jesus, whipped Him, placed a crown of thorns on His head, clothed Him in a purple robe and presented Him to the people as the ‘King of the Jews.’ (John 19:1-5) “Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them. But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let him go. And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed. And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required.” (Luke 19:20-24).

As mentioned, Jesus could have stopped these events at any time. But as he told Peter in the Garden of Gethsemane: “Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father (Himself), and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?” (Matthew 26:53-54). Jesus chose to follow the path before Him. Just as Pilate chose to go with the popular vote instead of standing up for what he thought was right. Pilate had found no fault with Jesus. He knew Jesus was not a criminal and could not fathom why Jesus refused to defend Himself. Even as much as to ask Him: “Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have

power to release thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.” (John 19:10-11). But Jesus would not have it. The scriptures had to be fulfilled. He is the same today and tomorrow as He was then, when the prophesy of Messiah’s coming and His ultimate sacrifice for His people was given. Thank goodness, He did not waiver despite the betrayal of His closest friends, the ridicule and defamation of His people and the pain and suffering He endured. Jesus stayed the course and His sacrifice saved all of us.

Sometimes doing the right thing is the hardest thing you will ever do. Even worse, there will be times when you are in the right while everyone else is in wrong but yet, you will be the one facing or dealing with the consequences. It’s hard to reconcile these things and you will want to take the easy path or go along with the group. Jesus- God in the flesh- knew His path was going to be excruciating; that He would suffer greatly. He, too, thought about the easy path (while in the garden). After all, He is God- He knew what was coming. He had the power to stop the chain of event. He knew he was right and the men before Him were wrong. But if He had acted differently, threw up His hands and said “You’re right, I was mistaken,” or simply decided not to follow though and chosen the easy out; where would that have left all of us- His loved ones? Instead, He chose to take the hard road. He chose to do the right thing for all of us. He chose to allow Himself to be betrayed, captured, tried, humiliated and crucified. But through suffering came life. He rose from the dead, providing redemption and everlasting life for all of us. How beautiful that is, what love He had for us.

So as you celebrate this Easter, remember why Easter is so important. Celebrate the love

Jesus has for you. Remember He chose you. He chose to give you the greatest gift that anyone could give- the chance for everlasting life. When you are faced with hard decisions, go to the Lord Jesus, in prayer. Ask for His guidance, lean into Him and remember: doing the right thing is not always popular, but it’s worth it; nothing worth having, comes easy; and difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations.

Junior

Thresa Ray

God’s Love

I John 4:9, “In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.”

God gave His only Son, Jesus – He manifested Himself in the flesh to come to earth, to show us how to live and how to treat others. The only way to come to God, the Father, is through Jesus.

John 14:6-7, “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

7. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him and have seen him.” (God is manifested in the flesh.)

Jesus said in John 12:47, “...for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.”

Jesus showed us how to live and how to treat others. He gave us the golden rule.

Matthew 7:12, “Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.”

Jesus taught us how to pray. The Lord’s Prayer – Matthew 6:9-13. He gave us the

Beatitudes – Matthew 5:3-12. He was filled with the Holy Spirit and He healed the sick and lame, made the blind see, and raised the dead. Jesus loves all mankind and wants all mankind to follow Him, love God and strive to do God's will.

Jesus called us 'His Friends.' John 15:14, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

Message 119:6, "Thus saith the Lord, 'Ye are My friends...'"

John 15:13, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Jesus loves us so very much and that is exactly what He did for us! He gave His life, took upon the sins of the world so that through belief in Him we might receive everlasting life! We think we have trials that are hard to bear. Jesus, who never sinned, suffered unbearably for us. Jesus was spit upon, slapped, mocked, bound and beaten with a whip, and had nails driven into His hands and feet as He was nailed to the cross. He had a crown of thorns that was pushed onto His head. His side was pierced with a sword. Can you imagine the pain and suffering He endured to fulfill the prophecies, to be the means so that you, and everyone could be forgiven of our sins and receive eternal life with God?

Have you heard the expression, 'By His stripes we are healed?'

Isaiah 53:5, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed."

I Peter 2:24, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree (cross), that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes are healed."

When you are whipped and beaten, you have bruises, cuts and gashes on your skin. These are the stripes. Jesus bore all this for us. By belief in Him we are healed of our own sins.

Even after all Jesus experienced, He felt compassion for mankind. Nailed on the cross, He said, "...Father forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34) What love He has even for those that did Him wrong!

Jesus said, "...It is finished: and bowed his head, and gave up the ghost." (John 19:30)

Luke 23:46, "And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost."

When Jesus said "It is finished," it meant more than just His passing from life to death to be with God. Prophecies were fulfilled. It also meant:

Message 84:13, "It is finished, no more the old law of burning of sacrifices on the altar and its spilt bloods, the worship of day or days. But keep ye the Lord's day, the first day of the week for worship and service in respect to the resurrection. Herein was the gospel restored to a nation and nations bringing forth fruits thereof."

Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice. Now, instead of burning a sacrifice on the altar, God wants us to come to Him with a repentive, humble heart. We also worship on Sunday in respect to the resurrection. 'It is finished' means so many things!

Jesus is ALIVE! He rose from the grave 3 days later!

I Corinthians 15:3-4, "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4. And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"

After Jesus's resurrection, He visited with His disciples in Israel and His people here in ancient America before He ascended into heaven.

John 14:18 & 26, Jesus told His disciple, "I will not leave you comfortless..."

26. But the comforter, which is the Holy

Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

Praise the Lord! Jesus lives and He sends the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us! We have God’s words in the scriptures: ‘The Holy Bible,’ ‘The Record of the Nephites,’ and ‘The Word of The Lord Brought to Mankind by an Angel’ along with the Holy Spirit to guide us! We can receive everlasting life with God through believing in Jesus Christ, following in His footsteps and obeying His words.

We are so very blessed!

Study all about Jesus’s life, crucifixion and resurrection in ‘The Holy Bible’ and ‘The Record of the Nephites.’ Study daily to put God’s words in your mind and heart.

2 Timothy 2:15, “Study to shew thyself approved unto God...”

May you feel the Comforter with you at all times!

Love in Christ,
Sister Thresa Ray

Primary

Ruby Draves

Esau and Jacob

Genesis 25:21-34; 27:1-45

Isaac and Rebekah wanted to have children but they struggled. They were getting older and were afraid that they may not be able to. So, Isaac turned to God, in prayer, asking Him for a child. Soon after, Rebekah was pregnant. They were so excited; God answered their prayers! One day, Rebekah noticed a lot of movement in her belly and asked God why. She was concerned something might be wrong, but God answered her saying, “You have 2

babies in your womb and they will be 2 nations or peoples. Furthermore, one will be stronger than the other- the first born will serve the younger.” (Genesis 25:21-23).

The day came when Rebekah gave birth to twin boys. Isaac and Rebekah were so excited for their new family. The boys could not be any more different. Esau, the oldest, was born with a lot of hair. Jacob, the second, was not. Esau grew up to be a hunter and outdoorsman. Whereas, Jacob became a shepherd, living in tents on the plains. Esau was Isaac’s favorite and Jacob was Rebekah’s. They were brother’s who loved God and each other. But Esau was the oldest, which meant he received the birthright. Back then, the firstborn inherited the family’s wealth. When Isaac and Rebekah pass away, Esau would get more money, land and animals than Jacob. He would also receive the promise that God made Isaac’s father Abraham. Remember, God promised Abraham that his family would be and do great things. He would be the father of nations. This was a big deal for Esau.

One day, Esau came home really hungry. He found Jacob making red soup with lentils and asked if Jacob would give him some. Jacob knew his brother was starving so he said, “Give me your birthright for the soup.” Esau thought he was going to die he was so hungry, so he agreed. Jacob gave him some soup and bread and Esau gave up his birthright. However, it really wasn’t something that Esau could give up. It was up to their father who would get the birthright. Being the firstborn, Esau was expected to get it but Isaac could always change his mind. (Genesis 25:24-34).

As Isaac grew older, his eyesight became very poor. He could hardly see anyone. Isaac knew he was close to death and that he needed to give Esau his birthright blessing. Isaac called to Esau and told him, “Go hunting, catch and prepare me a hearty meal and I will bless you.” Rebekah overheard Isaac and because

she loved Jacob so much, she wanted him to get the birthright blessing. Rebekah called for Jacob and told him what his father was up to. She said to Isaac, "Go get 2 of your goats and bring them to me. I will make a meal for you to give to your father and he will give the blessing to you instead of your brother." Jacob was confused, saying "He will know I am not Esau the minute he touches me. My brother is a hairy man, and I am smooth. Instead of his blessing he will curse me for deceiving him." Rebekah waived him off saying not to worry and told Jacob to do what she said. (Genesis 27:1-14).

Jacob came back with the goats and Rebekah prepared the meal. When finished, she put the goat skins over Jacob's arms and neck, made Jacob dress in Esau's clothes and sent him to his father with the hearty meal she prepared. When Jacob came to his father, Isaac said, "I am over here. Who are you?" Jacob replied, "I am your son, Esau." Isaac was surprised saying, "How is it that you are back so soon? How have you had time to hunt and prepare this meal so quickly?" Jacob lied again, saying "God provided the deer for me." Isaac asked Jacob to come closer so that he could make sure that he was talking to his son Esau. Jacob drew near and Isaac felt Jacob's hands, saying, "That is funny, the voice sounds like Jacob, but the hands are those of Esau's" Convinced that he was talking to Esau because of his hairy hands, Isaac ate the meal that was prepared and blessed Jacob. Isaac told Jacob that God will provide for his family and will make him a very rich man. The nations will serve his family. (Genesis 27:15-29)

Jacob no more left his father, when his brother returned from the hunt. Esau prepared a meal and brought it to his father as instructed. Isaac asked, "Who is there?" Esau responded, "It is me, Esau, your firstborn." Isaac began to tremble saying "Who? Who was just here? Who did I eat with and bless just before you arrived? For I have already given my blessing

to him?" Esau grew extremely angry and cried out asking Isaac to give him a blessing as well. Esau told Isaac that his brother, Jacob, had tricked him and stole his birthright. "Surely you have a blessing for me as well," asked Esau. Isaac responded, "There is nothing to give. I have already given Jacob everything. He is now your lord and you and your people will serve him."

Esau was so angry. He vowed to kill his brother after Isaac's death. Rebekah found out about Esau's plans and warned Jacob telling him to flee to his uncle Laban. She instructed Jacob to stay there until Esau cooled off and forgets what he has done. Only when Esau's anger is gone can Jacob return. (Genesis 27:30-45).

Craft: Jacob's Soup Bowl

Materials

1. 1 Cup Floor
2. ½ Cup of Salt
3. ½ Cup of Water
4. Paint
5. Brushes

Instructions

Air Dry or Baked Clay

1. Mix together the dry ingredients. Mix constantly while adding the water slowly. You may not need all the water. The mixture should not be sticky.
2. Knead 10 minutes until the dough is firm.
3. Store extra in a plastic bag for up to 3 weeks.
4. You can let air dry for 48 hours (in a dry, breezy location)
 - a. **OR** Preheat the oven to 300 degrees. Bake on a foil covered cookie sheet for about 30 minutes or until light brown.

5. Paint with acrylic or tempera paints. (acrylic cover better, but don't wash out of clothes)

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Pinch Bowl Method

1. Roll the clay into a ball
2. Stick thumbs into the center of the ball, pinching the sides to make a hollow (you're making a bowl shape, not a donut)
3. Flatten out the bottom of the ball to make a nice flat surface for the bowl (so it will sit sturdily on a table without risk of it falling)
4. Let air dry or bake dry- See above instructions
5. Use acrylic paint to decorate the pot however you like or leave it natural



Coil Pot Method

1. Make a flat "pancake" of clay. This will be the bottom of your bowl.
2. Roll remaining clay into long snakes
3. Coil the snakes around the pancake of clay, building up the pot as you go.
4. You'll need to squeeze the snakes onto the pancake and onto each other a bit so they stay together when the project dries
5. Let air dry or bake dry- see instructions above
6. Use acrylic paint to decorate the bowl however you like or leave it natural



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Tentative Schedule

Sunday, June 28, 2026

2:00 p.m. Opening Assembly Service
3:30 p.m. Sacrament, Prayer & Testimony
7:00 p.m. Preaching Service

Monday, June 29, 2026

10:30 a.m. Priesthood Meeting
1:00 p.m. Preaching Service
2:00 p.m. Membership Meeting
3:00 p.m. Prayer & Testimony
7:00 p.m. Preaching Service

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

10:30 a.m. Priesthood Meeting
1:00 p.m. Study
2:00 p.m. Preaching Service
3:00 p.m. Closing Service & Sacrament

Handmaidens of the Lord*

10:00 a.m. Monday & Tuesday

Children's Classes*

1:00 p.m. Monday & Tuesday

* Both located in classrooms across the hall.